

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have updated the Continuation Data of the Specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note that the Continuation Data refers to US Patent Application No. 09/564,344, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,915,289 on July 5, 2005. Applicants would like to notify the Examiner that a Statutory Disclaimer was filed for U.S. Patent No. 6,915,289 by the assignee, International Business Machines Corporation, on January 10, 2007.

Applicants would also like to notify the Examiner that a Statutory Disclaimer was filed for U.S. Patent No. 6,654,764, which issued on November 25, 2003, by the assignee, International Business Machines Corporation, on January 10, 2007. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,764 was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement on August 29, 2003, as Patent Application No. 09/998,955.

Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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